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The Honorable William Webster Director of Central Intelligence Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Bill:

On Thursday, June 25, 1987 at 4:30 p.m. in Hart 219, I shall convene another in the series of Senate Select Committee on Intelligence briefings on counterterrorism.

In the past year the Administration has stated that it has placed greater emphasis in its counterterrorism strategy on the rule of law. Since the Justice Department depends in large measure upon the intelligence agencies for support to prosecute terrorist acts committed abroad, the quality, depth and consistency of that support is of paramount importance. This session will therefore focus on the strengths and weaknesses of that support to Justice in its efforts to indict, apprehend and prosecute terrorists.

For purposes of this session, I have requested that the Justice Department briefer be prepared to discuss the intelligence support needed and provided for the fifteen indictments obtained as a result of terrorist acts on PANAM 73 in Pakistan, TWA 847 in Lebanon, the Egypt Air flight in Malta and the Achille Lauro. In addition, I am requesting that Justice be prepared to discuss intelligence support requirements in the case of Abu Nidal.

I request that you or your representative participate in this session.

Sincerely,

Arlen Specter

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